





## Announcements.

### DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

DAKIN BROS. are now manufacturing suitable for the season's requirements.

Manager at the mines to the effect that an output of 450 tons of mixed quartz from the North Tong Kong reef had assayed 3 oz. of gold to the ton, and further that the result of the stamping of 300 tons of stone would be forwarded in a week or two. For the first time in the history of the enterprise something practical is shown to have been accomplished, and if the Acting Manager's report may be relied on—and we can see no reason to question either his experience or good faith—that something has placed the Punjom Company in a position which it has not hitherto occupied. Up till now the concession has produced nothing, but large sums have been expended in exploitation and preliminary working. Now there would appear to be good grounds for believing that the glowing anticipations of the original promoters of the Company are in a fair way of being realised at no very far distant date. Perhaps it would be unwise to be too sanguine of immediate paying results without further confirmatory reports from the mines, although one would certainly be justified in indulging in high hopes even on the bare statement that quartz, of which there is evidently a practically inexhaustible supply, has assayed as high as 3 oz. of gold to the ton. The North Tong Kong reef is, we believe, situated within the blocks selected by the London Syndicate, and the question may arise, should any more difficulties crop up in carrying out the arrangement made by Mr. Beecher, or should further delay be insisted on by the London speculators interested, whether it might not be as well for the Punjom Company to energetically proceed with its original programme and work these alleged valuable deposits for the direct benefit of its own shareholders. In the face of the results indicated by the Acting Manager's reports, it would appear that the Directors are now in a position to dictate terms to would-be purchasers of sections of their property at Pihang, as it will take a very short time to place the Company in a position to pay large dividends if 3 oz. per ton—or even the half of that quantity—can be produced when working on a large scale. And yet, we repeat, although all this was well known in town nearly a week ago, the price of Punjoms gradually dropped until after settling day, and then a sudden change set in, and scrip that nobody would look at on Monday last at \$15 is now in high favor at an increase of about twenty-five cent on that rate. The ways and methods of the experts who control the fate of Punjoms in the local market are indeed mysterious.

## TELEGRAMS.

### LORD NAPIER OF MAGDALA.

LONDON, January 20th. By desire of Her Majesty, the late Lord Napier of Magdala will be buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, close to Nelson and Wellington, and a grand military funeral has been ordered. The Emperor of Germany has telegraphed his great sympathy with the Queen and the British Army in the loss of one of the ablest Generals and bravest soldiers of modern times.

### THE PREMIER.

Lord Salisbury leaves for the Continent to recruit his health.

### SPAIN.

The young King Alfonso is convalescent.

### OBITUARY.

Mr. C. Talbot, M.P. for Mid Glamorgan, and Mr. Craig Sellar, M.P. for Partick.

### RUSSIA.

January 21st. Russia has concluded a loan of £200,000,000 sterling to double the railway lines on the Western frontier. In the spring there will be established three military depôts in connection with this undertaking.

### PORTUGAL AND GREAT BRITAIN.

[Great anti-British parades of working men have taken place at Lisbon. There was a great deal of patriotic shouting but no disorder.] The Cortes has dissolved.

### THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

January 29th. A one million Russian gold loan has been floated by the Bank of England.

### A HOME RULER IN TROUBLE.

Dr. Tanner has been sentenced to three months imprisonment for slandering Mr. Smith Barry, but admitted to bail pending an appeal.

### THE NAVY.

More stringent regulations have been issued to the Navy regarding desertion and absence without leave.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Manchester Canal now employs 12,000 men and will be ready in fifteen months.

It is stated that the London Illustrated papers are now enjoying a large circulation on the Continent, owing to the spread of the English language.

A New York paper describes a well-known pianist as a "raven-haired, low-chinned, alcoholic, athletic, piano-abuser." No action for libel yet reported.

A regular meeting of the Ethen Mark Lodge of Hongkong, No. 264, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

The Royal Engineers' Athletic Sports are to take place to-morrow week. There are a number of events open to the other branches of the Service, Police, &c.

Messrs. Duffield & Swire inform us that the Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Cyclops*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due on the 6th prox.

SHAREHOLDERS in the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company will regret to learn that the Hon. C. P. Chater has announced his intention of resigning his position as Managing Director.

THE alleged murderer of Governor Main at Timor is being sent on another trip. The gunboat *Re Lima* left Macao on Wednesday, carrying them back to their native land. They will no doubt be tried soon after England takes Portugal.

In an Imperial decree of the 3rd instant the Emperor prohibits the Manchurians from selling their land in Mongolia to the Chinese who have settled there, and amassed money enough to purchase real estate. In the same decree the Emperor notifies the authorities that the Empress Dowager will, on the 15th of the coming intercalary moon (the second moon), go to the "Tung Ling" (Emperors' graves) to worship her ancestors, and will return to the palace by the 24th, and orders are given to prepare the route.

THE following statistics are published in Russia of trade between Russia and China during the first eight months of the year 1889. The trade shows a considerable decrease, being 2,707,257 roubles of exports against 3,621,114 roubles for the same period in 1888, and 6,228,550 roubles of imports, against 8,501,000 roubles for 1888. The principal articles furnished by Russia to China are wool, cotton goods, leather, and furs. China exports to Russia chiefly tea, valued at 4,525,000 roubles, and 51,626 roubles of burnt sugar.

ANOTHER victim of the *Yotsai* explosion. We regret to learn that Mr. J. S. Brewer, Government Marine Surveyor of this colony, died at Hongkong on December 24th, at the early age of 41 years. Mr. Brewer, whose health had always been uncertain since the *Yotsai* disaster, was home on leave last year, and it was generally believed that he would never return. He was a popular man in his professional capacity, Mr. Brewer was also a great social favorite, and he will be much missed by the A. D. C. and Choral Society, of which institutions he was an active and useful member.

DR. Cantile lectured last night, as per promise, to the members of the Literary Society. His subject was "Food in the Tropics." Hongkong is not too tropical just now, but he predicted that it was, and enlightened his hearers for about an hour on the indigestibility of the beef and mutton out here, the dangers of curry, the fatality of fruit, and the inferiority of "chow" generally. After a passing reference to the justifiableness of slaughtering the native pork, he concluded, in an unpunctuated sentence, a quarter of a century long, recommending everybody to Not Eat So Much.

THAT weak-minded fly-paper, the Macao Independent, is very much because he hinted, the other day, that the Union Jack might be waving itself over Lisbon's towers and Macao's shut *fan-tan* shops. The patriotic peddler who runs our contemporary finds comfort in the reflection that it will not be the first time, and adds something about *caro nos cutum*—which means that they don't care a cuss how soon it happens again, so long as the embers in the national grate are once more poked into a blaze. Only they don't want the *fan-tan* shops to be closed, or where will the excursionist business go to?

THE Exchange Telegraph Company says—According to news received from China the Emperor has been made to take a somewhat undignified course regarding the railway question. The Admiralty Board, which consists for practical purposes of Prince Chun, the Marquis Tseng, and the Viceroy Li, succeeded, with the aid of the Empress Dowager, in getting the Emperor to issue the celebrated decree containing the famous dictum that "to make a country powerful railways are essential." The opposition has now succeeded in making him add the riders, "That they must only be built with Chinese money," and this has put an effective stop to the scheme. It is, however, believed in some quarters that the present position of the question is only temporary, the Emperor being said to be little more than a figurehead looking on this way, now that, as the progressists and obstructionists get possession of the helm of the ship of State.

ANOTHER Far East celebrity, "Mysterious Dunn," has gone the way of all flesh. Our Shanghai morning contemporary of the 27th inst. says: "There will be general regret to hear that news was received on Saturday by wire of the death in London of Mr. John George Dunn, the disease that finally carried him off being influenza. He was a very old resident of Shanghai, having been in Messrs. Lindsay & Co.'s some thirty years ago, and subsequently a partner in what is now Messrs. Reid, Evans & Co. He was afterwards connected with Mr. John Pender, who sent him out to China to look after the interests of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company. A Roman Catholic, he took much interest in the affairs of the missions of that church in China. He was a warm friend and a dangerous enemy, and one of the most charming companions it was possible to meet. His vigorous will was missed on the *Chinese Times*. He was very ill when he left here, but got much better on the way home, and it was hoped that he would make a complete recovery. There are many who speak lightly of the 'mysterious Dunn' while he was alive, who will sincerely mourn his death."

THE *Chinese Times* of the 15th writes as follows on the subject of the interview that some of the foreign consuls in Shanghai had with Chang Chih-tung: "Shanghai does not mind things well, but it has never known exactly how to treat a high Chinese official. When Li Hung-chang was in the settlement some seven years ago, the foreigners missed a rare opportunity for establishing a precedent for future relations between themselves and the Chinese authorities, and now they have gone to a quite needless extreme in courting the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung. For thrusting foreign-later upon that conceited and truculent foreign-later the Consuls deserved what they received, and it is timely with which there was one Consul who knew how to maintain his dignity as the representative of a great country, and held aloof from the *Ko-loo*. The mercenary knows the importance of keeping Chinese officials from proper rules of etiquette, and as the principle of receiving Consuls and other officials on terms of equality has been thoroughly established by the practice of Li Hung-chang, then whom there is none greater among the Chinese Consuls or other representatives submitting to treatment from any Viceroy or Governor which involves sacrifice of self-respect."

THE Ulu Pahang correspondent of the *Straits Times* writes that smallpox has broken out in the vicinity of Raub.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the "Glen" liner *Glenavon*, from London and Antwerp, left Singapore yesterday afternoon for this port, and is due on the 5th proximo.

ACCORDING to the *Stam Mercantile Gazette*, Mr. Henry Norman, the *Pail Mall Gazette* contributor, obtained a concession of a gold mine during his recent sojourn in the land of the White Elephant.

WE note the arrival by the French mail steamer *Orze* of Mr. D. Cinatti, for many years Harbour Master of Macao. Mr. Cinatti returns to the Far East to take up the appointment of consul for Portugal at Canton.

THIS hon. treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital, Mr. E. W. Maitland, acknowledges the receipt of \$250 from the Parson Charity Fund, given for the relief of the indigent and destitute Chinese who apply to the Hospital authorities for help.

THE Brazilian Finance Minister has telegraphed that the restoration of the monarchy is impossible, and that the claims of some European Powers to interfere with Brazilian affairs is ridiculous, and that an offensive and defensive alliance exists between the Republic and the whole of America.

A JAVA contemporary reports that on the 4th instant the Dutch troops in Acheen achieved a signal success by the surprise and capture, with the loss of only three wounded, of four strongholds of the Achinese in the vicinity of Kota Pohama and Pakan Kroeng Tjoet. The Achinese were taken unawares, and effected a precipitate retreat.

THE *Times*, discussing the last army returns, states that Hongkong has 1,700 men of all ranks, consisting of two garrison batteries, an engineer company, a line battalion, and a colonial corps of five companies. "We wonder on what authority the played-out old *Thunderer* made this statement! Where is the 'colonial corps of five companies,' anyhow?"

AN earth-coolie who ran a little opium shanty down at West Point when not "humming" his baskets, was visited by some excise-officers yesterday. They found a trifle of opium, and some smoking apparatus, and as the offender had "done his bit of time" once before, he was fined \$200 this morning. As that represented about two years' pay he took the alternative six months.

THE Lord Provost of Glasgow, duce man, stated at a meeting of the Town Council the other day that he would subscribe £5000 to a fund for building an art gallery in Glasgow, if the other citizens each gave a similar sum. He believed that with the surplus from the Exhibition, and the subscriptions which he and others there might give, they might raise a sum of £500,000. Let Glasgow flourish!

EVEN the most taciturn of the many captains of steamers running into Hongkong will wax voluble over one nuisance—that of having a host of sampans hanging on to the stern when they are trying to fetch their buoy. The *Taiyuan* was attacked in this way this morning when she came in, although a lot of the crew were told off to repel boarders. Sergt. Harkin got ten of the offenders, and they were fined \$10 each an hour later. As most of them paid, the early boarder evidently thinks it is a privilege worth risking a good deal for.

OUR excellent friend Chang Chih-tung, Governor-General of the Liang Ho, continues his crusade in his vice-royalty against the wholesale system of bribery and corruption which degrades the public service of the Chinese Empire. Chang recently posted up notices informing all officials within his jurisdiction that he will not receive any presents of whatsoever kind, nor will any of the employees in his Yamen be allowed to receive presents in any shape, nor will his doorkeeper be allowed to extort or receive money or presents from visitors or callers on official business at his Yamen; and all are positively informed that no one in the Yamen can in any way influence him in his decisions (so bribes are not required in any of his being understood in an underhand way); and he further informs the officials who may be transferred, or those who may be promoted, not to give any present to the messenger who may carry the happy news to them. (It is customary for a recipient to pay a very heavy present in money to the messenger of good news). His Excellency further warns all the officials who are under his control to discharge their duties properly and diligently, and those who neglect their duties are to beware of his wrath.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Chicago Journal* gives the following interesting account of the sewers and catcombs of Paris: "These underground wonders are two things somewhat out of the general line of city sight-seeing, and must of course be visited. Descending into the sewers from the Place de la Madeleine by a carpet stair, we saw an archway about twenty feet high and fifteen feet high in the center flanked by a rapid stream with a long line of boats on the side. We step in and are soon on our voyage. There is no odor to speak of, and the way is lighted by electricity. Lines of water-pipes, gas-pipes, electric wires, telegraph wires and pneumatic tubes are carried along the sides, the whole underground service of Paris being provided for here so that there is no necessity of tearing up the streets. Boon we came to a still larger main sewer, where water pipes five feet in diameter are carried along the sides on standards, and taking a tramcar on a track over the water channel, still driven by men, we journey on. We see Rue Rivoli, Rue St. Honoré, and other names on the walls, showing the street we are traveling under, and passing branches on each side, bringing their currents to the main channel. At last, after nearly an hour, we come into daylight again. It is an odd journey. The catcombs were formerly immense stone quarries, extending for miles under the city, worked for centuries by the Romans, and having over sixty entrances. During the Reign of Terror thousands of bodies were thrown in there, and as they were no longer used as quarries, the city has since transferred the bones from a number of cemeteries in the city limits that have been abandoned. We walked through aisle after aisle of grinning skulls and crossbones piled up ten feet high, and systematically and regularly as cordwood. It did not seem possible that so many human beings could have lived in Paris. We had only little flickering candles that each one held in his flicking hand, the air, chilly and damp, would almost blow them out as we crossed the passages leading out into the darkness on each side, we could see here and there, bullet-holes in the skulls, made in the bloody days of the Revolution, the creeping mold was over all, and when the signal came we gladly left this chamber of death."

## HONGKONG, CANTON, & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held at noon to-day, at the offices, Bank Buildings. The Hon. P. Ryrie presided, and there were present: Messrs. E. R. Bellios, L. Poesnecker, F. A. Gomes, Poon Fong, Lee Sing (directors), P. Jordan, R. Talbot, E. George, A. S. Cohen, E. A. Jorje, E. I. Moses, B. N. Elias, J. C. Cunha, J. S. Perry, R. P. Cos, C. A. Ozorio, R. A. Gubbay, P. E. Levy, J. B. Gomes, Ho Tung, etc., and T. Arnold (secretary).

The Chairman desired that the report should be taken as read, and continued:—You have no doubt gathered from it that the business of the Company has been good—very good, but there is an unfortunate drawback in the price of coal. This, as you see, is a very important item, and I regret to inform you that unless there is a considerable drop during the next six months the difference will be a matter of \$24,000 on the year. That is a very serious matter, but we must live in hope that, especially when the new mines so near us are opened, there will be coal procurable at a much more moderate price than at present. Your directors have not thought it desirable to put anything to the reserve fund, which, as you are aware, is now a very considerable amount; they have thought it better in the interest of the Company to carry it over. There are a good deal of repairs which will have to be done during the current half-year. With regard to the new capital, I am happy to inform you that it was all paid up—there were no dissentients, either at the meeting or out of it. It has been all collected, and, as the report informs you, invested, I am happy to say, on very favorable terms. It is perhaps unfortunate that so far the best have not been opened—we have been looking and waiting for this being done, but you all know the dilatoriness of the Chinese Government—they always take a very long time to move in anything. We are fortunate, however, in having been able to invest the whole of the funds, and we hope to be able to continue to do so. We have a couple of boats which will require repairing immediately, but the fleet is in excellent condition. There are certain repairs which must be done, such as the new deck to the *Honan*, and getting the new duplicate electric machinery for the *Fatshan* and *Jowhai*. These we were to provide against the possibility of one giving out. The cost is not very great—£300 each—and your directors think the money will be well spent. The new boat was to have been completed on Tuesday last, but evidently there has been some little hitch; I have no doubt there is a lot of trouble in steamboat construction at home just now. We received a telegram this morning saying that she will not be launched before the 23rd February. If she is, and proceeds to sea in the ordinary time for a vessel of her size, we may look for her being here before the end of May—perhaps in April. That is plenty of time for the season of sailing. Most of the things there is anything else to call for remark, as everything is set out very fully in the Report. You will see that the Company stands in a very fine position—the amount at our credit shows the confidence the public have in our new idea for its extension.

Capt. Talbot—What is the intention of the directors with respect to the reserve capital? The Chairman—I have already stated. The amount invested in property is a very small item compared with the money reserved. May the shareholders look forward to a future addition to the steamers, or is our surplus to keep swelling the reserve fund? The Chairman—It depends on the shareholders—it is entirely in their hands. Capt. Talbot—The reserve capital is so much larger than the capital of the Company, that I think we may look to the future profits being divided among the shareholders. The Chairman—That is a mistake, I think; it is only a little more than half—\$350,000. Capt. Talbot—I mean that the money invested in steamers—\$240,000.

The Chairman—The original capital. We are now paying for a new steamer, and she is considerably more expensive than the *Fatshan*—not a dear boat, as things go now, though. Capt. Talbot—I think the shareholders are abundantly satisfied with the directors—it is simply information that I am seeking. The Chairman—I cannot speak as to the future, but the shareholders have it entirely in their own hands. The directors will do what they decide on. I was going to mention the insurance, but it is set out in the Report. I think that it is a matter for congratulation to the shareholders that they carried that proposition, for as the Company is now perhaps covered almost as well as before—at least as much as many could wish, at a very considerable reduction in the rates, which has been a saving to the Company. If there is nothing else I will propose the adoption of the Report.

Mr. George seconded, and it was adopted. The Chairman moved the re-appointment of Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdin and F. Henderson as auditors.

Mr. Cohen seconded. Carried. The Chairman having announced that the dividend warrants would be ready to-morrow, the proceedings terminated.

## KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held this afternoon, at the offices of the agents, Victoria Buildings. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. F. D. A. Gomes presided, and Messrs. F. Henderson, Ho Tung (directors), E. C. Ray, H. Holmes, D. McCulloch, J. F. C. de Rosa, and A. Shelton Hooper (secretary) were present.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, mentioning that building operations were shortly to be commenced. Mr. E. C. Ray, in seconding, expressed the thanks of the shareholders to the directors and agents for having foregone their fees and commission during the past year. He was also glad to see that arrangements were being made for developing the Company's property.

Mr. Holmes asked for an explanation of the item "Calls unpaid." It was a very large item, and it would be more satisfactory to know exactly how it stood. It appeared to be a large debit balance, whereas, he believed, it was a matter of fact it could be cleared off in a few days. He understood that it represented a lot of land sold to the Company; and the question of the issue of the Crown lease had been in abeyance for some time, but fortunately a notification had been received from Government stating that one had been granted. That would clear off the whole of that item, and give the Company control of the land.

The Secretary—That is so. Mr. Holmes also asked with reference to the uncalled shares. They all knew that at the time of the allotment there was a great demand for those shares—almost a rush, in fact, and he would like to know if those shares had ever been allotted, and through circumstances which had arisen, had not been taken up on account of certain losses on the part of the persons who were to have taken them.

The Secretary said that at the time the Hongkong Land Investment Co. took over the agency they found amongst the papers a list of people

with a certain number of shares opposite their names, made by some of the promoters or whoever managed the Company before. The directors made allotments in accordance with the list, but the persons named repudiated them, saying they had never applied for them.

Mr. Holmes—So that in fact the Company holds them now?

The Secretary—Yes. The report and accounts were then adopted. Mr. de Rosa moved, and Mr. McCulloch seconded, that the appointment of Mr. Fallanton Henderson as a director be confirmed. Agreed to.

Mr. Holmes moved, and Mr. Ray seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Ryrie and Gomes as directors. Agreed to.

Mr. McCulloch moved, and Mr. Ray seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Arnold and Lynam as auditors. That having been agreed to, the proceedings terminated.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, December 31st. The financial newspapers concur in expressing the opinion that the borrowing by the Victorian Government is excessive. Monetary institutions in the city are averse to the proposed £4,000,000 loan in January.

The Bank of Adelaide has established a branch at Gresham House, London.

It is rumored that an attempt has been made to poison the Czar. The general belief, however, is that he is suffering from congestion of the lungs.

An extensive nihilist plot has been discovered in St. Petersburg. Several men were arrested in the passages of the Royal Palace, where an officer was killed.

The reported attempt to poison the Czar is untrue.

The revolt in San Salvador, which was headed by General Rivas, has been crushed by the Government of the Republic.

The mortality in Paris resulting from the influenza epidemic is now decreasing.

The influenza epidemic which has appeared in England, and which has attacked the Marquis of Salisbury, is of an unusual kind, but medical men are doubtful whether it is identical with that which first occurred in Russia, which is known as the Russian influenza.

The general mortality of Vienna and Madrid has been doubled, owing to the prevalence of the influenza epidemic.

It is reported that the Duke of Westminster is the donor of £100,000 to the London Hospitals.

Addressing a deputation from the Italian Chamber of Deputies, King Humbert said peace was now assured owing to the rapprochement between Russia and Germany; but recently he would not have guaranteed peace for a fortnight.

The European Press anticipate a peaceful and progressive year.

The victims of the Forest Gate Industrial School fire, who were all boys, were suffocated while asleep. Eighty other children were with difficulty rescued, many of them being insensible.

The Nihilist chief Dierna has been arrested at Warsaw. Pamphlets and letters were found in his possession, involving a number of Russian officers.

Mr. Ernest Benson, better known as "The Jubilee Plunger," has refused to attend his insolvency examination, and is threatened with a warrant for his arrest.

The influenza which has appeared in England, is assuming the Russian type. Two hundred cases have occurred among the employees in the General Post Office.

Influenza of a very bad form is prevalent. In some cases it is of the mild Russian type. There is a great run on the hospitals, doctors, and druggists, and postmen, policemen, and inmates of training schools and barracks are affected by it. The disease is spreading in several country towns. The mortality in Paris, the French provinces, Vienna, and Madrid is heavy, and only fifty out of 1200 women employed in a French tobacco factory are at work.

The Porte has prohibited the keeping of black slaves in Turkey.

The steamer *Gloucester* has sunk after a collision with the steamer *Maple Branch*. All on board were saved.







